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Student protests low on CIA recruitment

The halls of the Federal Building have been relatively quiet during the last two days with only a handful of students picketing applicants applying for federal positions.

Max Wiecks of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., has been recruiting area university students interested in job opportunities with the government.

Protesters have been taking pictures of applicants, local and national federal officials and have even employed the use of walkie-talkies in the building, according to authorities.

"When court is not in session, the regulation involving cameras in the building does not apply," said James Byrnes Jr., U.S. marshal.

One student protester said he wanted to try to talk applicants out of working for the government and because his memory was so bad he took pictures.

"We are holding interviews in federal offices rather than on campuses in several areas of the country, mainly because of the existing atmosphere of student protests.

This prevents any embarrassment of university officials. We have an obligation as guests on a campus not to cause embarrassment of officials or to disrupt student academic life in any way. We, therefore, ask the interviewers to "come to us," stated a CIA official in Washington, D.C.

"Most of the kids did not seem at all upset at having their pictures taken by the protesters," said a federal official.

Wiecks is recruiting students for positions as economists, political scientists, librarians, mathematicians, electrical engineers, geographers and computer specialists in Washington, D.C.

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